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SUBJECT: UN BUDGET

REF: A. USUN 5204; B. STATE 245506; C. STATE 233163;

D. USUN 4497

1. MISOFF DISCUSSED WITH NUMBER FIFTH COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING UK, FRANCE, FRG, CANADA, AND JAPAN, REQUEST OF SOVIETS CONTAINED REFTEL D. ALL REPLIED WITHOUT HESITATION THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WERE OPPOSED TO MAKING JOINT DEMARCHE TO SYG TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER INCREASING UN BUDGET AND TO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH BUDGET CEILING FOR BIENNIUM 1978/79. TYPICAL REMARKS WERE THAT THEY DID NOT WANT TO BE PLACED IN SAME CATEGORY AS PARSIMONIOUS SOVIETS, THAT DEMARCHE BY "RICH" WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON LDC'S, AND SUCH APPROACH UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY REAL EFFECT.

2. RE PARA 2 REFTEL C, NUMBER OF DELS INCLUDING SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS UK AND FRANCE REACTED SIMILARLY TO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A CEILING ON 1976/77 PROGRAM BUDGET WHICH WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL AND ILLFOUNDED. WHILE NUMBER OF DELS ARE CONCERNED (E.G., FRENCH IN PARTICULAR) OVER SIZE OF 1976/77 PROGRAM BUDGET, THEY BELIEVE THAT THERE OTHER WAYS TO REDUCE EXEPNDITURES. THIS ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED IN UPCOMING WEO FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING.

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3. MISSION REQUESTS THAT IT BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM SOVIETS THAT

USG IS NOT INTERESTED IN MAKING DEMARCH ALONG LINES CONTAINED
REFTEL D DRAWING ON ARGUMENTS CONTAINED THEREIN.
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